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The Honorable Director
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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
Appl. No. 09/720,086; 102(e): July 13, 2001
(Based on PCT Appl. No. PCT/US99/14373; Int'l Filing Date: June 25, 1999)
For: ***De Novo* DNA Cytosine Methyltransferase Genes, Polypeptides and Uses
Thereof**

Inventors: *Li et al.*
Our Ref: 0609.4560002/JAG/KRM

Sir:

Applicants submit the following documents for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office:

1. A facsimile copy of the executed Certificate Under 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b) along with a copy of the Assignment document;
2. A facsimile copy of the executed Power of Attorney from Assignee; and
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It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is

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If extensions of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 other than those otherwise provided for herewith are required to prevent abandonment of the present patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned, and any fees therefor are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

Respectfully submitted,

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The Assignee hereby appoint the U.S. attorneys associated with CUSTOMER NUMBER 28393 to prosecute this application and any continuation, divisional, continuation-in-part, or reissue application thereof, and to transact all business in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith, such attorneys currently being: Robert Greene Sterne, Esq., Reg. No. 28,912; Edward J. Kessler, Esq., Reg. No. 25,688; Jorge A. Goldstein, Esq., Reg. No. 29,021; David K.S. Cornwell, Esq., Reg. No. 31,944; Robert W. Esmond, Esq., Reg. No. 32,893; Tracy-Gene G. Durkin, Esq., Reg. No. 32,831; Michele A. Cimbala, Esq., Reg. No. 33,851; Michael B. Ray, Esq., Reg. No. 33,997; Robert B. Sokohl, Esq., Reg. No. 36,013; Eric K. Steffe, Esq., Reg. No. 36,688; Michael Q. Lee, Esq., Reg. No. 35,239; Steven R. Ludwig, Esq., Reg. No. 36,203; John M. Covert, Esq., Reg. No. 38,759; and Linda E. Alcorn, Esq., Reg. No. 39,588. The Assignee hereby grants said attorneys the power to insert on this Power of Attorney any further identification that may be necessary or desirable in order to comply with the rules of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

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The undersigned (whose title is supplied below) is empowered to act on behalf of the assignee.

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In consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) or equivalent and other good and valuable consideration paid to each of the undersigned inventor(s): En Li, Masaki Okano, and Shaoping Xie, the undersigned inventor(s) hereby sell(s) and assign(s) to The General Hospital Corporation (the Assignee) his/her entire right, title and interest, including the right to sue for past infringement and to collect for all past, present and future damages:

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The undersigned inventor(s) agree(s) to execute all papers necessary in connection with the application(s) and any continuing (continuation, divisional, or continuation-in-part), reissue, reexamination or corresponding application(s) thereof and also to execute separate assignments in connection with such application(s) as the Assignee may deem necessary or expedient.

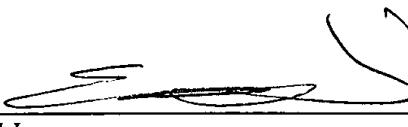
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The undersigned inventor(s) hereby represent(s) that he/she has full right to convey the entire interest herein assigned, and that he/she has not executed, and will not execute, any agreement in conflict therewith.

The undersigned inventor(s) hereby grant(s) Robert Greene Sterne, Esquire, Registration No. 28,912; Edward J. Kessler, Esquire, Registration No. 25,688; Jorge A. Goldstein, Esquire, Registration No. 29,021; David K.S. Cornwell, Esquire, Registration No. 31,944; Robert W. Esmond, Esquire, Registration No. 32,893; Tracy-Gene G. Durkin, Esquire, Registration No. 32,831; Michele A. Cimbala, Esquire, Registration No. 33,851; Michael B.

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